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1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE SOONEST TO PETROV AT
INTERCOSMOS FROM NASA ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR FOR SPACE
SCIENCES, DR. NOEL HINNERS.

2. DECEMBER 7, 1976

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DEAR DR. PETROV:

1. REGARDING US DELEGATION TO EXAMINE LUNA-24 SAMPLE, WE WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE NAMES OF SOVIET SCIENTISTS THEY WILL BE MEETING WITH WEEK OF DECEMBER 12, 1976.

2. DURING NASA/INTERCOSMOS TALKS IN OCTOBER, DR. SAGDEYEV EXPRESSED SOVIET INTEREST ABOUT VIKING MARS MISSION. DR. WASSERBURG WILL BE PREPARED TO GIVE LECTURE ON VIKING RESULTS TO ICI AND VERNADSKY AUDIENCES IF DESIRED.

3. US NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES SPACE SCIENCE BOARD MADE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION TO NASA ON NOVEMBER 23, 1976; "THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT NASA BE PREPARED TO INITIATE THE FURTHER EXPLORATION OF VENUS SUBSEQUENT TO THE RETURN OF SOME BASIC DATA FROM THE PIONEER VENUS MISSION, AND TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM OF VENUSIAN EXPLORATION WHICH IS COORDINATED WITH THE USSR AND WHICH OPTIMIZES CONTRIBUTIONS IN THOSE AREAS WHERE US TECHNICAL SKILLS CAN PROVIDE UNIQUE AND FUNDAMENTAL ADVANCES IN SCIENTIFIC DATA."

DR. WASSERBURG, CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANETARY AND LUNAR COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS SOVIET VENUS RESULTS WITH DR. SAGDEYEV AND OTHER EXPERTS.

BEST REGARDS,

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